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COVID-19 scare

Section 144 in District

DC order applies to only religious gatherings, Jathras; No restrictions on day-to-day activities in holy places

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration has imposed Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.PC) in Mysuru from Mar. 17 (tomorrow) till further notice to check the spread of Novel Coronavirus

Addressing reporters at his office in city this morning, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said the Administration has decided to change its strategy to control the spread of the Coronavirus.

Section 144 authorises the Executive Magistrate of any District or territory to issue an order to prohibit the assembly of four or more people in an area. However, the order issued by the Mysuru DC is **not a General 144 Section but applies to only religious gatherings, Jathras and fairs, meetings and events, cultural programmes, religious events where food is served to the masses, shandies, religious festivals and mass marriages.**

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar addressing a press meet at his Office in city this morning as Additional SP P.V. Sneha, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and Information & Publicity Department Assistant Director R. Raju look on.

There are no restrictions on day-to-day activities of temples, mutts and other religious centres. Religious events can be conducted keeping the restrictions in mind, said the DC's order.

"Usually a large number of people congregate at the above said events and the Administration has taken a decision to impose Section 144 as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the virus from Mar. 17 till further notice," Abhiram Sankar said.

The order states that organisers must desist from conducting any religious events, cultural programmes, public events, mass marriages, summer camps, seminars and other programmes where public gather. "All marriages have to be conducted in a simple manner without a large gathering of people," the order said.

Abhiram Sankar said that people must take precautionary measures and must not treat the disease spread lightly.

"Instructions have to be followed and personal hygiene has to be maintained along with the precautions released by the Central and State Governments. We all must join hands with the Administration to combat the disease and arrest its spread," he said.

On the situation in Mysuru, the DC said that so far, 107 people have been screened and they were kept under 14-day home quarantine. "Of them, 54 persons have been declared not infected and 53 of them continue to be in home quarantine. This apart, one person has been isolated but the presence of virus in that person has not been confirmed yet. The person is under 24x7 observation and we are awaiting test results," he said.

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled ***"Remembering 'Imperious Leader' Indira Gandhi in the days of CAA !"*** *—Ed*

Mysuru don in COVID-19 European vaccine research team

He was inquisitive since childhood: Mother

Mysuru, Mar.16 (RK&BCT)- Dozens of research groups around the world are racing to create a vaccine as COVID-19 cases continue to grow. They are pursuing different types of vaccines — shots developed from new technologies that are faster to produce but might prove more potent than the traditional inoculations.

Dr. A.J. Mahadesh Prasad

Some researchers are even aiming for temporary vaccines, such as shots that might guard people's health a month or two at a time while long-lasting protection is developed. Among the groups that are racing against time to come up with the vaccine is the **European Task Force for Coronavirus** that has a Mysuru connection. A Researcher-Scientist in the team is **Dr. A.J. Mahadesh Prasad,** who studied in the University of Mysore and has worked here as an Assistant Professor.

Mahadesh Prasad's team is striving to develop the vaccine since over a month following the outbreak of COVID-19 in China's Wuhan Province and after it spread to other Nations, especially Europe.

(See TEAM on page 9)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Marshalling *manpower*

The terms *population burden* and *human resource*, when mentioned by both seasoned writers and public speakers concerned with marshalling the nation's millennials into productive tasks of economic value reflect contrasting outlook to the unemployment scene, oscillating between pessimism and optimism. The stressful mental state of families with members past the age of 20 years struggling to find an employer facilitating livelihood is tell-tale. In case of families with either physically or mentally challenged members, the trauma bugging the parents is beyond words. Organisations with trained personnel who can bring light into the lives of disabled sections of society, including those with visual impairment, doing selfless service deserve unqualified adoration. The rural parts are yet to host such organisations, leaving the handicapped rustic families to fend for themselves. In addition, the country's tribal population, accounting for more than eight million people, survive by their sheer resilience, the quality conspicuously missing in the urbanities. However, women are emerging as a force to reckon with in this competitive scenario of finding a livelihood.

As if to add insult to injury, the ongoing slow-down of the country's economy, witnessing even well-placed industrial enterprises laying off their workforce in order to reduce overhead outlay, the number of youth and also middle-aged sections in the population experiencing despair has reached unprecedented proportions. Messages from knowledgeable circles expressing hope of revival of the economy is reassuring of happy days ahead.

Even as some life-threatening diseases are defying remedy in the face of advancing medical science waging a losing battle against the illnesses, rendering a growing number of people across the world unhealthy, a deadly virus called COVID-19 has become pandemic, claiming thousands of lives. The extent to which the relentlessly spreading virus impacts human resources in the short-term is being assessed, but the long-term impact may not be clear for some more days. Many measures being put into action seem to be based on guessing their benefit to the masses still spared by the virus. In particular, the stipulation of employees not to stir out of their homes is sure to upset all calculations of marshalling manpower, resulting in a chaos across the various sectors of the economy.

Viruses having probably existed since living cells first evolved, their origins are not clear. While it may take some time before a vaccine or some other remedy is found, whatever measures are already being introduced to prevent spread of the virus, their success is tied to the factor of *discipline* among people is complying with the measures. Or else, marshalling manpower in the country shall become tougher.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DAMPENER FOR DRINKERS: ***"Alcohol cures Coronavirus" might have started as a harmless joke on social media but such is the nature of the medium that nothing remains innocuous beyond a point. On Thursday, the Press Information Bureau had to come up with an official clarification in a tweet quoting the World Health Organization's tweet from February 26: "Another misinformation on #Coronavirus circulating on social media asserts that consumption of alcohol prevents #Coronavirus infection. This rumour is #Fake! Drinking alcohol does not protect you from #nCoV infection." Despite the implausibility of this theory, those who love their drink would have jumped with joy when the rumour first hit their phones screens and promptly forwarded those messages. Will this latest clarification sober them up? After all, if there is one thing that spreads faster than a virus, it's rumours on social media.***

— In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Teacher dates 13-year-old student, marries her at 20!

Sulawesi Utara: A teacher, who began to date his 13-year-old student, married her when she turned 20.

Erwin Pangaila was 27 when he fell in love with a junior high school student at the SMP Negeri 2 Tenga School in Sulawesi Utara, Indonesia. 13-year-old Vinda Virginia happened to walk by his classroom saw him writing on the blackboard and immediately fell for his broad shoulders and athletic physique. She started staying behind after classes to ask him questions and eventually, their student-teacher relationship turned into a romantic one.

Both very religious people, the couple relied heavily on their faith in God to keep their relationship strong and on Oct. 5, 2018, after seven years of dating, the two finally tied the knot. Vinda was 20 and Erwin 34.

Roadworthy cars and motorcycles out of cardboard

Vietnam: A group of motoring enthusiasts from Vietnam have found success on the internet by making driveable cardboard replicas of expensive sports cars and motorcycles.

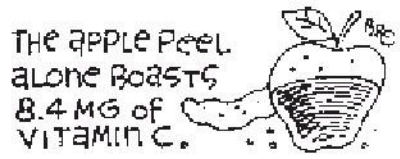
The young guys behind the NH□T TV YouTube channel, were resourceful enough to build their own using scrap metal, used card and motorbike parts, and lots of cardboard. The vehicles turn out rather goofy-looking, but they do actually work and if the over 300k subs the channel currently has are any indication, people love the comedic charm.

The boys behind NH□T TV definitely have a knack for making cheap replicas of luxury vehicles out of cardboard and old metal parts, but they also seem to have a lot of fun doing it, which only makes people like them more.

Most of the wacky videos have hundreds of thousands of views, but some have the count in the millions. The vast majority of their fans are Vietnamese.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much more nutritious is an unpeeled apple than peeled?



One medium unpeeled apple has almost twice the fibre, 25% more potassium and 40% more Vitamin A than a peeled apple. The peel itself has added nutritional benefits: Polyphenols, Pectines, Ursolic acid, Folic acid and Vitamins E and K. Wash the unpeeled apple thoroughly.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Seminar focuses on sustainable living

Mysuru, Mar. 16- A UGC-sponsored State-level seminar was held recently at JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science. The topic was "Innovations and challenges in Life Science" where Dr. Anu Appaiah, Senior Principal Scientist, Department of Microbiology and Fermentation Technology, CFTRI, addressed the gathering and emphasised on waste management.

He gave the examples of those who innovatively converted waste into wealth on the basis of global thinking and local living.

Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Chief Executive of the College, highlighted the importance of innovations in different aspects of life. He also emphasised the differences between discoveries, inventions and innovations.

Prof. M .Mahadevappa, Principal, Prof. S. Prathibha, Head, UG Department of Botany and Organising Secretary of the seminar, Dr. M. S. Manjunath, Head, UG Department of Biochemistry and Convener of the seminar, B.L. Kiran, Assistant Professor, UG Department of Botany and others were present.

Really...?

- ***Hawaii moves 7.5cm closer to Alaska every year:** The Earth's crust is split into gigantic pieces called tectonic plates. These plates are in constant motion, propelled by currents in the Earth's upper mantle. Hot, less-dense rock rises before cooling and sinking, giving rise to circular convection currents which act like giant conveyor belts, slowly shifting the tectonic plates above them. Hawaii sits in the middle of the Pacific Plate, which is slowly drifting north-west towards the North American Plate, back to Alaska. The plates' pace is comparable to the speed at which our fingernails grow.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Police officer talks to a driver: *Your tail-light is broken, your tyres must be exchanged and your bumper hangs halfway down. That will be 300 dollars.*
Driver: *Alright, go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.29
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 91.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.79

VOICE OF THE READER

Extend Mysuru-Hazarat Nizamuddin Swarnajayanti Express up to New Delhi Railway Station

Sir,

The train number 12781/12782 Mysuru-Hazarat Nizamuddin Swarnajayanti Express operates conveniently every Friday from Mysuru to reach Hazarat Nizamuddin near New Delhi on Sunday evenings. The train travels via Hassan-Arsikere-Hubballi-Belagavi-Pune-Miraj-Bhopal and Jhansi to terminate only at Hazarat Nizamuddin Railway Station (7 km short of New Delhi Railway Station).

As most of the passengers intend to alight at New Delhi Station to head to either Praharganj or Ajmeri Gate side and conveniently avail Metro services to reach New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, it is thus high time that Swarnajayanthi Express is also extended up to New Delhi Railway Station instead of terminating only at Hazarat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

The suggestion will also benefit the passengers heading towards Chandigarh, Amritsar, and Dehradun as the trains bound towards these sectors originate only from New Delhi Railway Station and it otherwise causes an inconvenience as Swarnajayanthi Express currently terminates only at Hazarat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

Hence, South Western Railway authorities at Mysuru Division are requested to consider the suggestion to extend the services of the train number 12781/12782 Mysuru-H. Nizamuddin Swaranjayanti Express up to New Delhi Railway Station. The positive suggestion will highly benefit the passengers bound towards Chandigarh, Amritsar, Dehradun and also reach New Delhi's IGI Airport conveniently through Delhi Metro services available from New Delhi Railway Station.

—Varun Dambal

Bengaluru
10.3.2020

Automated driving test track: A good initiative

Sir,

It is noteworthy that Mysuru now has an automated driving test track at RTO East in Rajivnagar. Compulsory theory classes and a computerised test on road safety and traffic rules with a required pass percentage would also augment this.

Road-users in our city witness cases of people overtaking from the left side, speeding through red lights, not using helmets, not stopping for pedestrians and other dangerous riding habits which can lead to avoidable accidents and even fatalities.

Appropriate training sessions in such aspects on road usage will help them and others be safer on our roads.

—Khan

Mysuru
10.3.2020

Irregular garbage collection

Sir,

The system of garbage collection, cleaning of roads and consequent cleaning and collection of debris in Brindavan Extension is deteriorating day by day. There seems to be total collapse of administration.

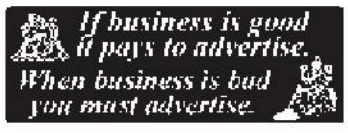
Earlier the garbage collection and cleaning was at specific time and well-organised. Why this deterioration over a period of time, say last one year?

Very recently a Corporator and her family in Vidyaranyapuram had to wear the Pourakarmikas dress and go around her ward to highlight the deterioration of civic administration.

Will MCC authorities concerned act immediately and ensure the good system which was prevailing earlier in Brindavan Extension is restored immediately?

—N. Bhaskar

Brindavan Extension
10.3.2020



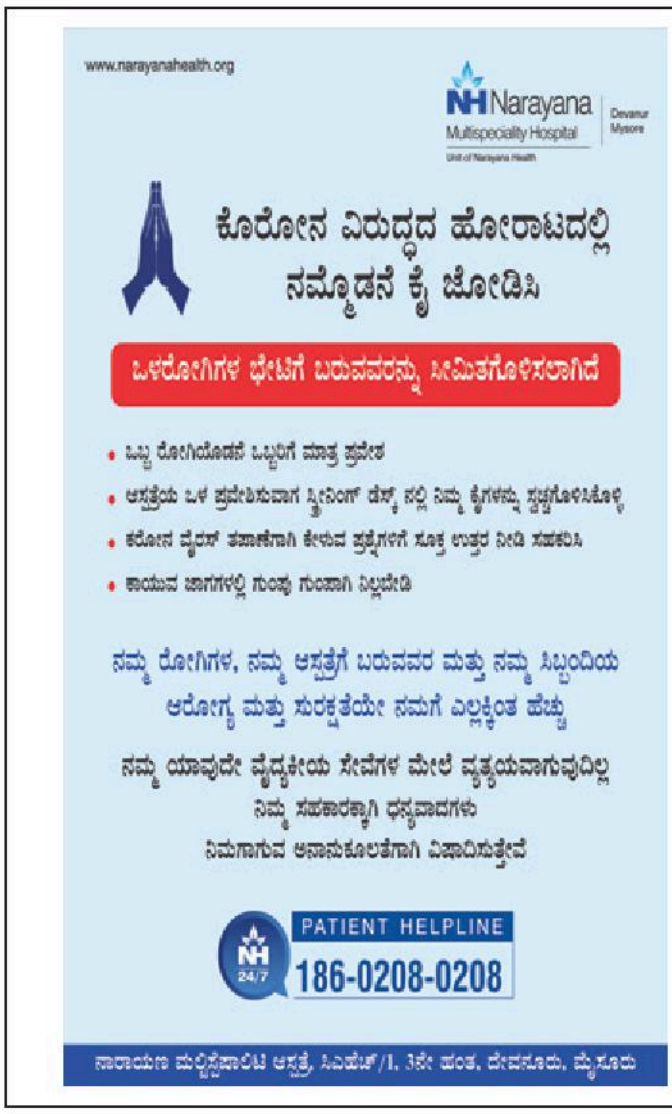
National seminar on ethics in business practices

Mysuru, Mar. 16- A National-level seminar on 'Ethical dimensions in business and management: Conceptual Vs reality' was organised by Vidyavardhaka PG Centre, Department of Studies in Commerce and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) recently.

The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. P.S. Velumurugan, Professor in Commerce, School of Commerce and Business Management, Central University, Tamil Nadu. Addressing the gathering, he said business scandals have become black crows — an integral part of day-to-day life. "Consumerism, chronic capitalism and financial capitalism are the factors promoting unethical behaviours. This has resulted in the human behavioural aspects which are moving away from ethical community. The socio-economic concept of "Trusteeship" propounded by Gandhiji is the core for the protection of dignity and not mere material prosperity.

In his keynote address, Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Founder and CEO, Excel Soft Technologies, suggested that the youth has to take the challenge to fight against unethical practices. Talking about current scenario, he mentioned that 'greed and speed' are the contributory factors of scams in society. It is also possible for human beings to live within the ethical framework and be prosperous in one's own career and still gain profit by complying with current laws.

Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, presided. P. Vishwanath, Hon. Secretary, Dr. S. Marigowda, Principal and others were present. Technical sessions were held on "Ethics in functional areas of business and management" which was chaired by Dr. H. Rajashekar, Professor in Commerce and Director, EMRC, University of Mysore; B.N. Pramod, Co-Founder 'From Groundup' and C.K. Sabareeshan, former Chairman, Mysuru Branch of ICAI.



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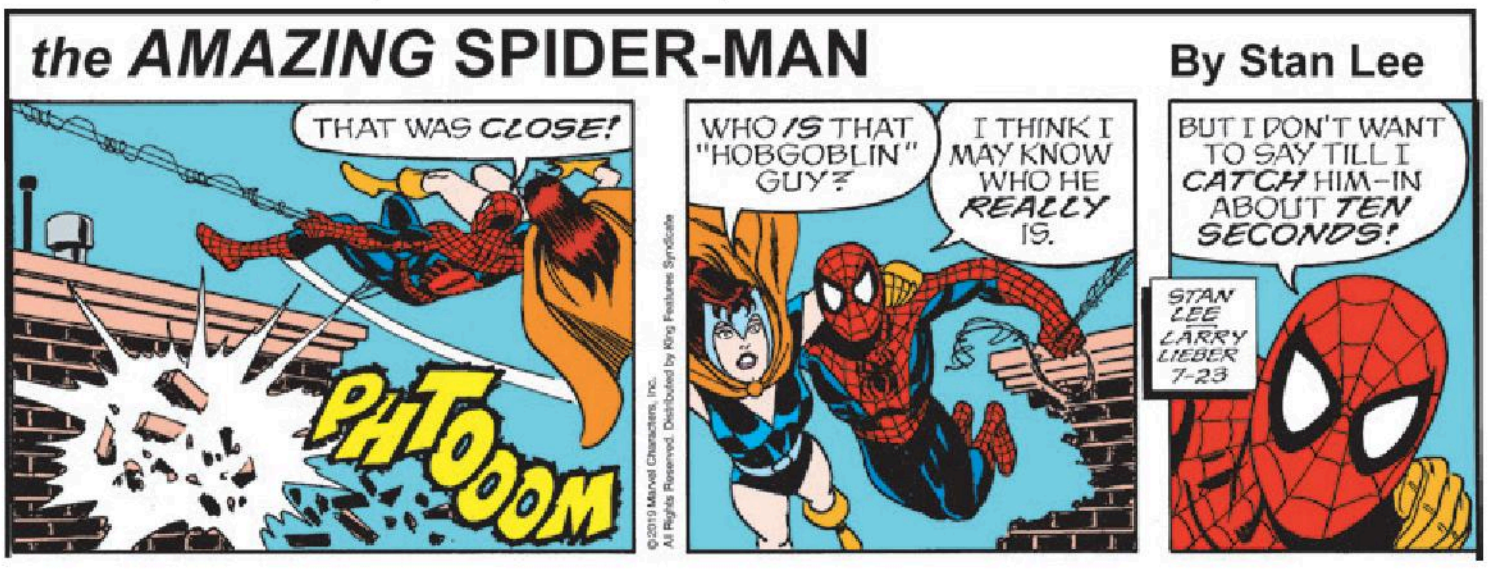
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NEWS BRIEFS

Sri Rama Navami Festival postponed

In the wake of Coronavirus scare, as per the order from the Government of Karnataka, that all public events and celebrations should be temporarily postponed, Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural and Educational Charitable Trust, Yadavagiri, has decided to postpone Sri Ramanavami Festival which was scheduled to be held from Mar.25. The future date of the Festival celebration will be intimated to all once the situation is under control, according to a press release from the Trust. For details, contact Uma Bai on Mob: 70225-48894.

Elected

M. Shadakshari was elected unopposed as President and K. Ningamma as Vice-President of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya District KSRTC Employees Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru, for the period 2020-2025 in the election held recently. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2492702.

Traffic ban on Irwin Road for three months

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (KS)- Following a request by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to Mysuru Police to impose a ban on traffic on the Irwin Road to take up road widening works, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has banned the movement of all types of vehicles on Irwin Road up to three months and has urged motorists to take alternate roads suggested by the Police.

Movement of traffic on Irwin Road [from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle (Ayurveda Hospital Circle) and vice-versa] will be banned for traffic for period of three months. Though the press note from the City Commissioner's Office states that the ban has come into effect from yesterday (Mar. 15), vehicular movement on Irwin Road was usual this morning with MCC taking up only minor works of road widening. Complete traffic ban is likely to come into effect as soon as the the major works begin.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: KSRTC buses plying from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle, should proceed on B.N. Road - Hyder Ali Khan Circle (Five Lights Circle) - Church Road - St. Philomena's Church Circle - Ashoka Road - Gumchi Junction - take left and proceed on Pulikeshi Road to reach New Sayyaji Rao Road and proceed further.

All types of vehicles except Heavy Motor Vehicles, plying from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle should proceed via Ashoka Road to Kabir Road Junction, take left turn, proceed on Kabir Road to reach New Sayyaji Rao Road and proceed further. Vehicles proceeding from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle to Nehru Circle should turn south from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle, proceed via New Sayyaji Rao Road - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Road - Gandhi Square - Mahaveer Circle - take the road in front of Town Hall and proceed further, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Traffic Police notify speed limit on Outer Ring Road

Mysuru, Mar. 16- With the city witnessing a rise in fatal road accidents, the City Police in a bid to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians and to regulate traffic movement, have notified vehicle speed limit on Outer Ring Road (ORR). The details are as below:

The speed limit of vehicles on ORR and on roads leading to the inner areas of the city from ORR is as follows:

Class of Vehicle	Speed limit on roads leading to inner areas of the city from ORR	On ORR
Car (LMV)	40 km/ hr	60 km/ hr
Bus & Two-Wheelers	30 km/ hr	50 km/ hr
Autorickshaw and all types of Goods Vehicles	30 km/ hr	40 km/ hr
Tractor	20 km/ hr	20 km/ hr

Also, the speed limit on Mysuru-Hunsur Road, Mysuru-Gaddige Road, Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road, Mysuru-Bannur Road, Mahadevapura Road and KRS Road (all ORR to city limits) for different category of vehicles is as follows:

Class of Vehicle	Speed limit
Car (LMV)	40 km/ hr
Bus & Two-wheelers	30 km/ hr
Autorickshaw and all types of Goods Vehicles	30 km/ hr
Tractor	20 km/ hr

The speed limit on the stretch from city limits to ORR on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road is as follows:

Class of Vehicle	Speed limit
Car (LMV)	60 km/ hr
Bus & Two-wheelers	50 km/ hr
Autorickshaw and all types of Goods Vehicles	40 km/ hr
Tractor	30 km/ hr

This Speed limit notification has come into effect from Mar.14, according to a press release issued by the office of the City Police Commissioner.

Nirbhaya: Tihar asks hangman to report 3 days ahead of execution

Akshay Thakur *Pawan Gupta* *Mukesh Kumar Singh* *Vinay Sharma*

New Delhi, Mar. 16 (Agencies)- With just five days left for the execution of death sentence in the sensational 2012 Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case, the Tihar Jail authorities yesterday said they have asked the hangman to report three days ahead of the scheduled hanging.

The four convicts in the case are to be hanged together at 5.30 am on Mar. 20, according to an order by a Delhi court earlier this month. The death row convicts are Mukesh Kumar Singh (32), Pawan Gupta (25), Vinay Sharma (26) and Akshay Thakur (31).

The execution of their death warrants has been deferred thrice so far due to delays by them in exhausting legal remedies. After the fresh death warrant was issued, the Tihar Jail authorities wrote to their counterparts in Uttar Pradesh requesting for the service of

Hangman Pawan Jallad

hangman Pawan Jallad, a senior jail official said.

"Pawan Jallad, a hangman from Meerut, has been asked to report at Tihar Jail on March 17, three days ahead of the scheduled date of hanging," said Sandeep Goel, DG (Prisons).

According to the jail authorities, dummy executions will be conducted again after the arrival of Jallad. Health checks-up of the convicts is being done once in a day. They are also being counselled on regular basis, they said.

Out of the four convicts, Mukesh, Pawan and Vinay have had their last face-to-face meetings with their respective families. The authorities have written to the family of Akshay about the date for final meeting before the scheduled date of execution.

The jail authorities have also not stopped the convicts' weekly meetings with their families yet.

A 23-year-old physiotherapy intern, who came to be known as 'Nirbhaya' (fearless), was gang raped and savagely assaulted in a moving bus in South Delhi on Dec. 16, 2012. She died after a fortnight. Six people, including the four convicts and a juvenile, were named as accused.

Ram Singh, the sixth accused, allegedly committed suicide in Tihar Jail days after the trial began in the case. The juvenile was released in 2015 after spending three years in a correctional home.

Probe finds Rs. 20 billion missing after V.G. Siddhartha's suicide

New Delhi, Mar. 16 (Agencies)- An investigation into Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd., initiated by its Board after the death of Founder V.G. Siddhartha, is likely to conclude that at least Rs. 20 billion is missing from its accounts, according to people familiar with the matter, a report said.

The months-long probe following the suicide of Siddhartha in July 2019 examined the financial transactions of India's largest coffee chain and its dealings with dozens of private companies owned by the entrepreneur.

The draft report, running more than hundred pages, points to billions of rupees that have gone missing, said the people, asking not to be named because the details aren't public. It also details hundreds of transactions between the founder's listed and personal businesses that were not conducted at arm's length, they said.

Though the report is in its final stages, the precise details

V.G. Siddhartha

could change before its release, expected as early as this week, the people said. The missing funds could total more than Rs. 25 billion, one person said. "The investigation report is still a work in progress, and not finalised," a spokesman for the company said.

After the death of Siddhartha, the company faced a severe liquidity crunch and had 'zero cash' in the bank. It struggled with day-to-day expenses and paying salaries has been a strain, the report said.

Plantations for sale

Meanwhile, the family of Siddhartha has put most of its personal assets, including 10,000 acres of plantations, for sale to repay lenders and the potential fallout of the ongoing probe.

Active discussions are on with potential buyers for nearly 40 percent of the plantation business, while the search is on for people to buy remaining holdings, sources said. A complete sale of plantations may fetch Rs. 1,500 crore to Rs. 2,000 crore.

An economic downturn could result in the sale at the right price a tough one, said the source. The fact that Siddhartha had pledged some of these assets to raise personal loans may make the transaction complicated, sources said.

While pledging estates to a large private lender, the Coffee Day Founder, survived by wife Malavika and two sons, had pegged the value of plantations at Rs. 35 lakh per acre. "The price is much lower now," sources added.

Youth who stole cop's bike arrested while trying to sell engine

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (KS)- A 20-year-old youth, who had stolen the bike of a Policeman in front of V.V. Puram Traffic Police Station recently, has been arrested by Hebbal Police when he (accused) was trying to sell the bike's engine near Abhishek Circle on Mar. 13.

The arrested youth is Umesh, a resident of Belavatha in city.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of stealing the Hero Honda bike (KA-09-EC-6361) in front of V.V. Puram Traffic Police Station and selling it as spares after disassembling it. He is said to have told the Police that he was trying to sell the bike's engine for Rs. 8,000.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and N.R. Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar supervised Hebbal Inspector T. Cheluvegowda, Sub-Inspector Kiran Hampi Holi and staff K.R. Kantha, Ravikumar, Mallikarjunappa, Jagadish, M.R. Sridhar, K.S. Gopal, B.S. Mahesh, K.S. Harish, Santosh and Mahesh Hosamani in the nabbing operation.

City remembers Nation's Hero Maj. Sandeep Unnikrishnan

Mysuru, Mar.16(MK&DM)- Members of 'Yuva Bharath and Veer Savarkar Yuva Balaga' celebrated the 43rd birth anniversary of martyred soldier Maj. Sandeep Unnikrishnan by lighting wax candles at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Hotel Metropole circle) here on Sunday.

The members, holding portraits of Maj. Sandeep Unnikrishnan, paid tributes to the martyr by raising slogans hailing his sacrifice for the cause of the nation during the Mumbai attacks in 2009.

They urged the MCC to install a bust of Maj. Sandeep Unnikrishnan and to name a Circle or a road after him.

Corporator Pramila Bharath, BJP leaders B.M. Raghu and Jogi Manju, leaders Vikram Iyengar, Rakesh Bhat, Ajay Shastri, Sachin, Lohith, Gururaj Shetty, Apoorva Suresh, Chakrapani and others were present.

New Parcel Office and Quick Coach Watering facility at City Railway Station

Mysuru, Mar. 16- Ajay Kumar Singh (A.K. Singh), General Manager, South Western Railway (SWR), inaugurated the new Parcel Office Complex on Platform 6 at Mysuru Railway Station in the presence of Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru Division and other senior Railway officials here recently.

"Shifting of Parcel Office away from main circulating area was a part of the Station's redevelopment plan. This will eliminate crowding of matadors, trucks, tempos and other road vehicles in passenger movement area," said Aparna Garg.

In the first of its kind in Indian Railways, the new Parcel Office in City Railway Station is provided with a conveyer belt combined with digital weighment. This will ensure accuracy and efficient movement of inward and outward parcels and minimise use of manual labour.

Later, A.K. Singh also inaugurated Quick Coach Watering facility at City Railway Station. This facility is designed to improve the turnaround time of a train at platform by filling the required water to coaches within five minutes. Earlier it used to take 12 minutes to fill water to the coaches.

The ground level reservoir and over head tank is monitored on real time basis through ultra sonic sensors and everything is monitored by supervisory control and data acquisition system through internet, according to a press release from SWR Mysuru Division.

National Conference at TTL College postponed

Mysuru, Mar.16- In view of UGC circular, the National Conference on "21st century business opportunities and challenges, organised by the UG and PG Departments of Commerce - IQAC, TTL College of Business Management, Saraswathipuram, in collaboration with Dept. of PG Studies and Research in Commerce, Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru, at Cauvery Auditorium, scheduled to be held on Mar. 28, has been postponed indefinitely and future date will be communicated later, according to a press release.

PM Modi proposes
COVID-19 Emergency Fund
SAARC Nations respond

New Delhi, Mar. 16 (UNI)- After his proposal was welcomed with open arms by India's South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) contemporaries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday hosted a video-conference meet of leaders of all SAARC member nations. The Prime Minister opened the discussion by mentioning India's efforts and action plan to limit the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The conference witnessed participation from Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Nepalese Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering, Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Special Assistant to Pakistani Prime Minister on Health Zafar Mirza.

One of the key takeaways from the video-conference was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposal for a COVID-19 emergency fund. He even went ahead and committed 10 million US dollars for the fund. Neighbours in South Asia can control the spread of the novel coronavirus by "coming together, not growing apart," said Prime Minister Modi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also assured SAARC leaders that a team of Indian medical experts will be at the disposal of member nations if and when required. Modi also mentioned that India's neighbours can consider an Integrated Disease Surveillance Portal (IDSP) that is currently being used to detect infected patients and contact tracing.

Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih said that a coordinated approach is required to deal with COVID-19 and no country can deal with this crisis alone. "SAARC leaders should formulate a mechanism to help the economies of the region to tide over problems posed by novel coronavirus," Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said.

The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina proposed that health secretaries and experts from all SAARC member nations should coordinate via video-conference in order to monitor and curb the spread of COVID-19. "Our collective efforts will help us devise a sound and robust strategy for SAARC region to fight coronavirus," Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli said.

Bhutanese PM Lotay Tshering weighed in by saying that all countries in the region should be on the same page in the fight against novel coronavirus, adding that SAARC member nations must pool in their limited resources to battle this crisis.

A special advisor to Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, Dr. Zafar Mirza said that no nation can afford to be unresponsive to the situation in wake of coronavirus outbreak.

Dutch queue for Cannabis
as Coronavirus closes cafes

The Hague, Mar. 16 (Agencies)- Cannabis smokers aiming to keep calm and carry on despite coronavirus queued up outside Dutch coffee shops yesterday after the Government ordered their closure to beat the outbreak.

Customers lined up in their dozens as they tried to beat a deadline for the closure of the marijuana cafes and stockpile weed supplies for what could be weeks of lock down.

The Netherlands' famed coffee shops have become as much a part of the country's popular image abroad as sex clubs in Amsterdam's famed red light district, which were also ordered to shut by 6 pm along with all bars and restaurants.

"For maybe for the next two months we will not be able to get some weed so it should be nice to at least have some in the house," Jonathan, a Dutch buyer, said outside The Point coffee shop in The Hague.

The neighbourhood draws millions of visitors to erotic dance shows, adult clubs and brothels, where prostitutes pose in lingerie behind red-lit windows. The Casa Rosso, Peepshow, Banana Bar and Erotic Museum were among adult entertainment venues along the capital's old canals that said they would shut.

"In the interest of the health of staff and guests, the management no longer considers it responsible to stay open," said a statement by de Otten Groep, a company that runs a number of clubs, Amsterdam's Het Parool newspaper reported.

Similar scenes were reported around the country, with pictures on social media of long queues outside coffee shops in the capital Amsterdam and the historic university city of Utrecht. Whereas days earlier it was supermarkets besieged with people trying to hoard toilet papers and pasta. The sudden announcement of the coffee shop closure meant there were new priorities.

Staff set up separate lines for cash and cards as customers hurried to order supplies of exotically named strains like "Doctor", "Bubble" and "Purple Haze" before the doors shut. "I wouldn't mind having a little bit of weed — keep it easy while we're at home for so long. It might be a long time in quarantine," said an Irish woman who gave her name as Hannah as she queued in The Hague.

Cannabis is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but it decriminalised the possession of less than five grams (0.18 ounces) of the substance in 1976 under a so-called "tolerance" policy.

Number of Coronavirus
suspect cases touch six in Kodagu

Madikeri, Mar.16- Even as the District administration and the Health Department are taking all measures to contain the spread of the deadly COVID-19, the number of suspected cases in the district touched six on Sunday.

A person, who complained of fever and throat pain after his return from abroad, was shifted to the isolation ward at Madikeri District Hospital on Sunday.

Also three other persons who returned from abroad and two persons who were in contact with them are put under quarantine separately at the District Hospital, after they were found with early symptoms of the disease, it is learnt. The samples of throat swabs have been sent to the laboratory and the health authorities are waiting for the report.

Meanwhile, the Kodagu district administration has continued its drive of locating persons who returned from abroad recently. The authorities have so far found 77 such persons in the district, including 37 in Madikeri taluk, 19 in Virajpet taluk and 21 in Somwarpet taluk, out of which 74 persons have been put under house isolation as a precautionary measure.

1.1 lakh people screened so far, says Minister Sriramulu

Health and Family Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu** (extreme right) **discussing a point with doctors at Kalaburagi yesterday.

Kalaburagi, Mar. 16- Indians and foreigners coming from countries should refrain from travelling unless it is important and should stay where they are. "All the people, including Indians, should stay put where they are if they can manage to do it. If they are not able to do it and they have to take a mandatory visit for any compelling reason, then it is advisable to undergo mandatory screening at airports and hospitals," said Health and Family Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu.

He said that 1.1 lakh people in the State, including 75,000 in Bengaluru alone, have been screened so far for COVID-19 and samples of 731 people who had developed symptoms were examined, of which six were tested positive.

Addressing a press conference here after holding a meeting of key officers, he said, "Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has given me a free hand to tackle the situation. Health and Family Welfare Department is working on a war footing. People need not panic."

The Minister confirmed that three of the four people who had direct contact with India's first COVID-19 victim (76-year-old man in Kalaburagi) and who were kept in quarantine wards, have tested negative but the victim's 45-year-old daughter has tested positive and all the four have been kept in isolation ward at ESIC Hospital in Bengaluru.

A total of 67 people who were in direct contact with the victim and took part in his last rites, have been home quarantined for 14 days and the district health department is closely monitoring them, Sriramulu said and added a COVID-19 testing facility would be ready in Kalaburagi within three days.

"We have a shortfall of around 2,000 doctors in public healthcare facilities and all the posts will be filled up shortly," he said.

He said that border districts like Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar were on high alert with Kerala reporting three confirmed cases. This has led to stepping up of surveillance at airports, ports and on the borders in the State.

He said 15 LED screen-fitted vehicles have been launched to carry out awareness drives in 15 districts and the other 15 will soon get IEC vehicles for educating people on important health issues."

Melodies from a Medico

Dr. Preethi Prakash Prabhu, a 23-year-old MBBS graduate from JSS Medical College, Mysuru, received five gold medals and five cash prizes at the recently held convocation and was adjudged 'Best Outgoing Student.' An alumnus of St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar and Vidyavardhaka Sangha Pre-University College, Mysuru, Preethi secured 18th rank in the State in National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) in 2009. During her PUC, she cleared the prestigious Kishore Vaignanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) Exams both in 11th and 12th grades and was ranked in the top 500 among the country.

Apart from being a medical quiz enthusiast, Preethi is also a Karnatak singer, a participant of reality show *'Ede Thumbi Haaduvenu'* (2009) and is part of the musical ensemble of *'Geeth Gaatha Chal: Doctor's Musical Nite'* held every year in city.

Preethi is the proud daughter of doctor parents — Dr. Roopa Prakash, a Gynaecologist at Kamakshi Hospital and Dr. Prakash Prabhu, a Urologist at Kamakshi Hospital. Her elder sister Dr. Pooja Prakash Prabhu is presently doing her DNB in Nephrology at Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru. The family resides at Kuvempunagar in city. *Star of Mysore* had a tete-a-tete with this multi-talented doctor, who is also an avid book reader with her favourite authors being Dan Brown, Jeffrey Archer, Devdutt Pattanaik and Anand Neelakantan. Excerpts...—Ed

GOLDEN GIRL WITH A GOLDEN VOICE: **Preethi with her prized possessions.**

By Anagha Mahesha

Star of Mysore (SOM): What made you choose the medical profession?

Preethi: To be honest, during my school days, I actually wanted to pursue Physics, but Mathematics wasn't one of my strongest subjects and hence I gave up the idea of pursuing Physics too, she said with a smile. Both my parents are doctors. It was actually my mother who inspired me to become a doctor. As a young kid, when I went with my mother to her hospital, I was humbled when patients, after treatment, thanked her with so much reverence and gratitude. That is when I thought how noble the profession of doctor was. Hence, I chose to become one.

SOM: A junior in Bharatanatyam, Karnatak music and a yoga enthusiast too. How do you juggle so many talents?

Preethi: I was always encouraged by my parents to try my luck at different arts. I was introduced to Karnatak music at the age of three. I trained under B.K. Chandrika, a resident of Kuvempunagar and later on many others and have cleared by Junior Grade Exam in Karnatak. I learnt Bharatanatyam under Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy. With time, I concentrated more on Karnatak music and have performed at many platforms including Dasara - 2009 and have been performing at *'Geeth Gaatha Chal: A Doctor's Musical Nite'*, held every year in Mysuru city. I also do Yoga to have a clear mind and a healthy body.

SOM: Were you into sports during your school days?

Preethi: Tried my luck in sports too, but didn't attain much success, that's probably because I am not an athletic person.

SOM: Your role-model?

Preethi: My mother, Dr. Roopa Prakash Prabhu, is my biggest inspiration. The amount of hard work she puts in each day while at home and at hospital, her balance between personal and professional life is what motivated me to become a doctor. I look up to her in every way and also my father, Dr. Prakash Prabhu. Both my parents and also my elder sister, Dr. Pooja Prakash Prabhu are my role-models. When in school, I used to see how studious and dedicated my sister was towards her studies.

[Incidentally, Pooja is also an alumnus of JSS Medical College and a gold medallist just like Preethi and their mother, Dr. Roopa a gold medallist from KMC, Hubballi.]

Sometimes, I even played with some bones my sister had at home for her studies, unaware that one day I too would choose the same profession. We are a family of doctors, you see!

SOM: Your message to School and PU students who want to pursue medicine?

Preethi: Do not choose to become a doctor if you are not ready for hard work, complete dedication and have a conscious moral responsibility towards the society. This is not a 'lucrative' job and you have to be mentally prepared in your pursuit of becoming a good doctor, ready to serve the needy. Many youngsters get carried away with a notion that the 'doctor' tag helps one get lots of money and fame. It isn't the case. People revere doctors and look up to them as Gods, remember the shloka *"Vaidyo Narayana Hari?"*

Here, I want to mention Dr. Vani, my Biology Teacher at Vidyavardhaka PU College, who taught us Biology in such a logical way, that I, who till then wasn't so keen about pursuing Biology as a subject, chose to become a MBBS doctor. Through her teaching, I learnt how delicate the balance between the flora and fauna is.

SOM: As a Karnatak singer, you were a participant of 'Ede Thumbi Haaduvenu'. Share with us your experience?

Preethi: I took part in *'Ede Thumbi Haaduvenu'* a singing reality show of ETV Kannada, while I was studying in VI standard. It was a great exposure to perform at such a big platform and I felt happy meeting the legend, Dr. S.P. Balasubramaniam. Although, I was eliminated after the third round, the number of highly talented artistes I met through this show are countless. I am still in touch with most of them.

SOM: A prize-winner in Medical Quiz events too. Do you love quizzes?

Preethi: I have always been a fan of trivia and love attending medical quiz events. I read a lot of books, medical and non-medical in preparation for such events.

[Preethi has represented the State in 'South Zone Paediatrics Quiz', won first prize in 'State-level Psychiatry Quiz' conducted by Indian Psychiatric Society, second in 'Zonal Level Dermatology Quiz' conducted by Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venerologists and Leproligists, second in 'Anatomy Quiz' organised by Bangalore Medical College and qualified for the finals of National Medical Quiz conducted at Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.]

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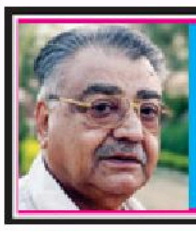
A file photo of Dr. Preethi rendering the invocation at the 40th anniversary celebrations of** Star of Mysore **along with Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director-Academics, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research. Picture right shows Preethi with her parents after the convocation ceremony.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering 'Imperious Leader'

Indira Gandhi in the days of CAA !

Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah decided that India as a country, after 73 years of Independence, should for once wake up from its euphoria of freedom and slumber of complacency, much had happened to our country's destiny.

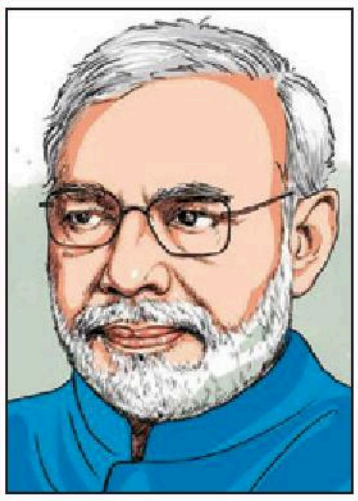
If 1947 was a red letter day for India, so also was 2019. When we got Independence, we thought we would **redeem our past** which was mired in disgrace, because of over 1,000 years of Muslim and British rule. But, did we really redeem our past, if not **abundantly,** at least in **good measure** (to borrow Nehru's words)? I was born before 1947 and always felt that even after Independence it has been a continuation of the **administration** that was in vogue during British rule. Earlier to that, Sultans and the Mughals ruled, appeasing Muslim Nawabs and family members with Zamindari, territories and plum offices. **Only difference is that Zamindari is abolished, Royal and British titles are abjured and all the top officials now are Indians.**

Even here, Nehru managed to have his friend, an englishman, Lord Louis Mountbatten, who was the Governor General of United India in 1947, to continue as **divided India's first Governor General !** Later, good sense prevailed to have Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, an Indian, as Governor General for a period till that office, on abolition, was adorned by Dr. Rajendra Prasad as the President of India.

As for Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah forthright refused when a proposal was made to have Lord Louis Mountbatten as Pakistan's first Governor General like in India. That in my humble opinion was the PRIDE of an independent, sovereign Pakistan in stark, sad contrast to an equally independent, sovereign India. Perish the thought.

It is sad that India has been compromising and forgiving with its foreign rulers for over 1,000 years and that habit still seems to continue. Let it be.

Painted portrait of former PM Indira Gandhi on TIME cover page.



Caricature portrait of present Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Unfortunately, the Hindu majority community, after India was **divided with bloodshed on the basis of religion,** never realised their aspiration of redeeming its Hindu past and correcting many historical wrongs inflicted on it by foreign rule. Even the Janata Party after 1975 Emergency rule and during six years of BJP's rule under Vajpayee could not think of redeeming our country's ancient past in its multiple dimensions of spiritual and cultural heritage. Even demoralising visible wounds of foreign rule are allowed to remain to the present! There is much to learn from Spain and some European countries.

Many thought the religious majority would realise their aspirations when BJP came to power again in 2014 with Narendra Modi as Prime Minister. Nothing much happened beyond creating a visible perception of India being a Hindu majority country because of Prime Minister Modi's personal attire and utterances about the glory of this ancient country's culture and civilisations.

It is only in BJP's second term that began in 2019 with absolute majority in the Parliament and with Amit Shah as Home Minister, the country was able to correct a number of **historical wrongs** committed by the earlier foreign rulers. Some steps were taken to erase the remnants of disgrace that remained in the form of destroyed ancient temples of Hindus and in the form of Muslim and English names given to our ancient cities and important roads. A road in Delhi named Aurangzeb was changed only recently after 68 years of Independence. Even here this BJP Government has to work under the constraints of an amended Constitution, amended during the rule of Congress Government.

Despite these legal inhibitions, the Modi-Shah unbeatable combination succeeded in bringing a number of laws within the framework of our Constitution — like for example the law against Triple Talaq, the abolition of the most discriminatory and **non-secular** Article 370 relating to Jammu & Kashmir, most important Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), so on and so forth. Before BJP came to power under Modi, for me, it was almost like a foreign rule by proxy. It was clearly a case of vote bank politics which Vajpayee too imitated during his time but without success.

Why do I reminisce the past in this manner? It is because my mind was ignited on seeing Mrs. Indira Gandhi's painted portrait on the front cover of America's weekly magazine *TIME* dated 16th March 2020. It is a special issue dedicated to women. Apparently, because of the Women's Day that fell on Mar. 8, I think. The magazine carries pen sketches of many famous and distinguished women leaders of the world and Indira Gandhi appears in it with a beautiful photograph as Prime Minister in 1976. The title that writer has more appropriately given reads, **"Indira Gandhi - Imperious leader".** The very opening sentence is eloquent about the personality of Indira Gandhi. It says **"In 1976, the 'Empress of India' had become India's great authoritarian".** The article written by Sagarika Ghose says at one point, **"She quickly ripped apart her father's democracy and amended India's Constitution to give herself enormous powers. She jailed political opponents, muzzled the press and extinguished fundamental rights across the country."**

Incidentally, today the same Congress party along with the support of some Muslim minority is opposing the CAA, enacted under the same Constitution.

No wonder, despite the **CAA being passed by the Parliament as per the Constitution,** the Congress party launched a protest which later led to a riot killing 57 people, injuring many and causing loss of crore worth of properties belonging to the country and the innocent people of Delhi. No doubt a large number of innocent Muslims who participated in this Shaheen Bagh protest, that lasted over two months, were misled by the opposition to achieve its political agenda. It was neither for the good of Indian Muslim brethren nor for the good of the Nation.

Only when all the political parties respect the Constitution by accepting the law passed under this Constitution, whether in victory or in defeat, will there be peace in our country. And, without peace, there can be no progress. **Now is the time for the Opposition to accept this Constitution or take steps to amend or to review it to suit their political agenda, forgetting the county's interest, when they come to power.**

But, this kind of protest may continue each time the Parliament passes a law by whoever is in Opposition. So where is the end to this Shaheen Bagh kind of unconstitutional protest? You are warned.

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No offline token at Aadhaar Seva Kendra

Mysuru, Mar. 16- As per order issued by Karnataka State Government, to avoid the outbreak of coronavirus, the Aadhaar Seva Kendra at Vijayanagar in city will stop giving offline token with effect from Tuesday (Mar. 17), according to a press release from the Manager Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4000022.

Entry into National Parks banned

Mysuru, Mar 16 (UNI)- The authorities have banned entry into Nagarahole and Bandipur National Parks till Mar. 23 as precautionary measure to prevent spread of Coronavirus.

Authorities have also banned Safari in these two Parks. The decision was taken to safeguard the interests of the visiting public as well as the animals, according to a press release.

However, vehicle movement through the Parks will not be affected. It was also said that the safari for both domestic and foreign tourists and for their health safety is more important, the release said.

NIPM Foundation Day postponed

Mysuru, Mar. 16- As per order of State Government not to hold any public and private gatherings till Mar. 20, the 40th NIPM (National Institute of Personnel Management) Foundation Day celebrations, scheduled for Mar.17 has been postponed. The new date will be communicated shortly.

Kamal Nath gets 10-day break from number game

Bhopal, Mar. 16- The Kamal Nath-led Congress Covernment in Madhya Pradesh got a 10-day reprieve today as the Assembly session was adjourned without an anticipated Trust Vote until Mar. 26 over coronavirus, after a one-minute address by Governor Lalji Tandon.

Just after the brief address of the Governor, BJP MLAs raised the demand for a floor test, triggering an uproar. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Govind Singh raised the issue of coronavirus threat in the country and also mentioned the Central Government's advisory, following which the Speaker accepted Singh's plea and adjourned the House till Mar. 26.

After nine BJP MLAs along with former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan moved to the Supreme Court and sought for a floor test in Madhya Pradesh within 48 hours, the Apex Court stated that it will hear the matter tomorrow.

Mysuru don in COVID-19

European vaccine research team

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Following the pandemic, the European Commission constituted the Task Force to contain the spread of the virus and help patients with a new vaccine.

Targeted research

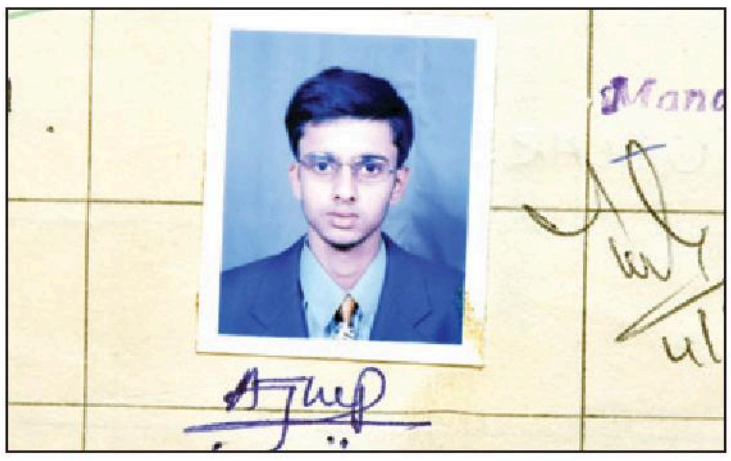
The Task Force is funding targeted research on Coronavirus and has mobilised Euro 140 million of public and private funding for promising research on vaccines, diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Mahadesh Prasad originally hails from Arakalagud in Hassan and was born to **late Javarappa and A.R. Rathnamma (Nagarathnamma).** He completed his primary education in Kannada medium and completed his B.Sc in Government Science College in Hassan in 2003.

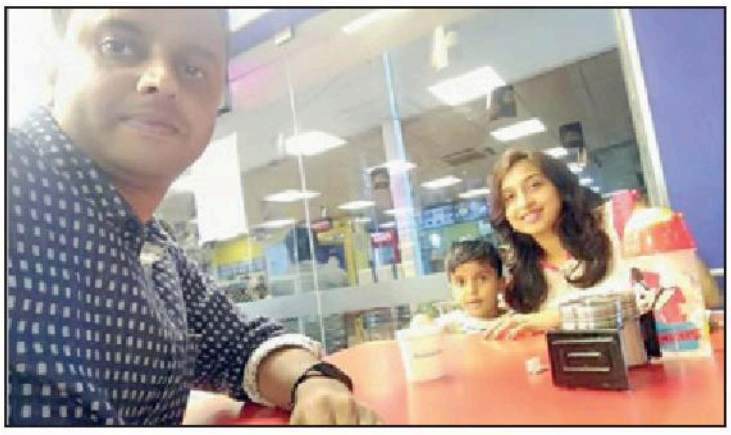
He completed his M.Sc. in Biochemistry from the University of Mysore in 2005 and worked as Principal Investigator or Assistant Professor (Science and Engineering Research Board-Department of Science and Technology SERB-DST), Department of Biochemistry, SBRR Mahajana PG Centre for over 5 years till last year.

Scientific Researcher in Belgium

At present, Dr. Mahadesh Prasad is working as Scientific Researcher at Katholieke Universiteit, Belgium. He is settled in Belgium with his wife and son. When the Task Force was formed with 10 research teams, the Vice-Chancellor of Linkoping University in Sweden recommended his name to be included in the scientist team. Even his brother **Dr. Komal Prasad** too is a scientist working to develop an effective cure for cancer.



Dr. Mahadesh Prasad's photo from his school days.



Dr. Mahadesh Prasad and his family.

As Principal Investigator, some of his responsibilities included leading independent research project to understand DNA damage response pathway in Burkitt's lymphoma, developing and optimisation of new techniques, working in close collaboration with hospitals and external partners to obtain clinical samples.

Post-doctoral scientist

Dr. Mahadesh Prasad had earlier worked as post-doctoral scientist, immunologist at Linkoping University, Linkoping, Sweden. He worked extensively on understanding the role of Early Transcription Factors (ETF) in early Hematopoietic Stem Cells maturation and how altered dose of ETF results in B-Cell leukaemia formation.

He has hands-on experience in Molecular Immunology and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Biology and has developed creative research designs and protocols that provide answers to complex biological challenges.

Dr. Mahadesh has made a number of research collaborations with various hospitals and colleagues to develop projects on the cause of blood cancer.

He was inquisitive since childhood: Mother

Nagarathnamma

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RK&BCT)- Dr. Mahadesh Prasad's mother A.R. Rathnamma (Nagarathnamma), a resident of Bogadi II Stage, is elated with the news that her son is playing a crucial role in developing COVID-19 vaccine. Speaking to *SOM,* she said that it was a proud moment for her.

"I have three children and all of them are scientists who are contributing to the society in their own way. Mahadesh Prasad was very active and inquisitive since childhood and he used to challenge many conventional ideas. He developed scientific spirit at a very young age," she said.

Nagarathnamma recalled that her son excelled in academics and was a globe-trotter, learning, researching and finding new areas of research. "It is a proud moment for my family and it is a matter of pride for India," she said.

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Rathotsava held

H.D. Kote Mar.16- The historical chariot festival *(Rathotsava)* of Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple was held recently at K. Belthur in the Taluk amidst religious fervour in the presence of thousands of devotees.

Special prayers were offered to presiding deity at the Temple since morning. *Panaka,* buttermilk and *kosambari* were distributed to the devotees after the *Rathotsava.*

Temple Trustee and President of Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru B.S. Parthasarathy, Head Priest Vinay, Rajendra Prasad Honnalagere, Narasimha, Theerthaprasad Kesthur, M.S. Balasubramanyam, Nadagowda, Ravi, Varadaraju and others were present on the occasion.

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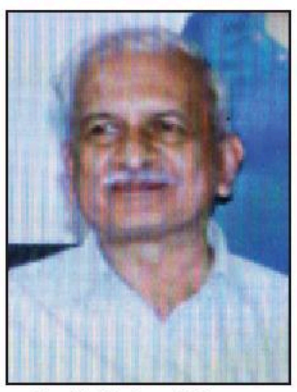
Dr. A.J. Mahadesh Prasad is a committed Biomedical Scientist, says Guide

Mysuru, Mar.16 (RK&BCT)- The research Guides of Dr. A.J. Mahadesh Prasad, who is in the European Task Force for Coronavirus research team, describe him as a dedicated researcher who has involved himself in developing cures for many diseases that are plaguing the humanity.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Prof. K. Kemparaju of Department of Microbiology, who guided Dr. Mahadesh Prasad in his Ph.D at the University of Mysore said that the latter was a reliable, committed and a Biomedical Scientist who is working for the welfare of the humanity.

"He is an excellent project manager playing an important role in several independent projects resulting in publication in high-impact journals. We are confident that he and his team will develop the vaccine," he said.

Prof. K. Kemparaju



Prof. Cletus D'Souza

Along with **Prof. Kemparaju, Prof. Cletus D'Souza** and **Prof. Vishwanath** taught and guided Dr. Mahadesh Prasad when he was in the University and when he was working as Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, SBRR Mahajana PG Centre.

After submitting his doctoral thesis to University of Mysore in 2009 June, he was invited as a Visiting Researcher by the University of Leipzig, Germany, to investigate the role of clinically important serum enzymes in development of cardiovascular diseases in domestic animals.

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Music School celebrates Anniversary

'Shreshta Acharya' titles being conferred on Karnatak flautist Dr. C.A. Shreedhar and Sanskrit scholar Prof. H.V. Nagaraja Rao.

Mysuru, Mar. 16- The 24th Anniversary of Sri Bhramaramba Sangeetha Vidyalaya, Mysuru, was celebrated in city recently.

Sri Hamsananda Swamiji of Sadhana Mandira was given a traditional welcome with *Poorna Kumbha* and vedic chants. Swamiji inaugurated the celebrations along with other invited guests.

Prof. S. Ayyappan, Chancellor of Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, was the chief guest. Shalini V. Murthy, Chairperson of the Vidyalaya, presided.

All the vocal and instrumental students of the Vidyalaya gave a vocal concert. They started the concert with the popular Navaragamalika varnam followed by Vandenishamaham, a composition of Mysore Vasudevacharya in Raga Hamsadhwani, Surasarasi Samudbhute, a composition of Srigowri Bhargava in Raga Kamala Manohari, Saraswati Namostute, a composition of GNB in Raga Saraswati, Sita Kalyana, a composition of Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Swamy in Raga Kurinji and Tillana in Raga Sindhubhairavi, a popular composition of Violin Maestro Lalgudi G. Jayaraman.

Stage programme started with Vedic chanting by Shashidhar Sharma and Kusha Vasishta of Bengaluru. Violinist Nadayogi Mysore V. Ambaprasad, Vice-Chairman of the Vidyalaya, welcomed the guests and also described the evolution of the Vidyalaya and the contribution of its Founder-Chairman late G.V. Murthy.

Dr. C.A. Shreedhar, renowned Karnatak Flautist, Principal of Sri Lalitakala College (Fine Arts College), Mysore University and Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, renowned Sanskrit Research scholar of Oriental Research Institute (ORI) fame, were bestowed with the title 'Shreshta Acharya.'

Mridangist V. Raghunandana Bhargava, Executive Trustee, proposed a vote of thanks. Amritavarshini and Vishveshwara compered. This was followed by an instrumental programme 'Vadya Vaividhya' by the students of the Vidyalaya. They were accompanied by Vid. Mysore Natraj on mridanga and Vid. Mysore G.S. Kumar on ghata.

They started with Ashta Raga Malika Sarale, compiled by Nadayogi Mysore V. Ambaprasad followed by Prasanna Ganapate, a popular composition of Violin Samrat Mysore T. Chowdiah in Raga Bahudari, Narayanaachuta, a composition of Annamacharya in Raga Mayamalavagowla, Varaleela Ganalola in Dheerashankarabharanam, a composition of Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Swamy, Tillana in Mohana Kalyani Raga, a composition of Violin Maestro Lalgudi Jayaraman.

The next event was a Grand Flute Recital by Young Maestro C.S. Keshava Chandra, son and disciple of Shreshta Acharya Dr. C.A. Shreedhar. He was accompanied by Mysuru Vishveshwara Bhargava on violin, Malladi Aravind on mridanga and Vid. Mysore G.S. Kumar on ghata.

The first composition was a Varnam in Raga Chintamani, a composition of Dr. C.A. Shreedhar, followed by Vallabha Nayakasya, a popular composition of Sri Muthuswami Deekshitar, Nenarunchinaru, a composition of Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Swamy in Raga Malavi, Sarojadalanetri, a composition of Sri Shama Sastry in Shankarabharanam.

Raga Shankarabharanam was taken for a detailed elaboration and swara prastara followed by tani avartanam. The recital concluded with Bhagyada Lakshmi Baramma, a very popular composition of Sangeeta Pitamaha Sri Purandara Dasa.

Pre-School children highlight 'Festivals of India'

LITTLE ELLY PRESCHOOL, GOKULAM: ***The fourth Annual Day of the Pre-School was held recently. Corporator SBM Manju was the chief guest. The theme was 'Festivals of India' and all children performed beautifully to dances based on the various festivals.***

Chandigarh's Aadil Bedi wins Bengal Open Golf

Aadil Bedi

Kolkata, Mar. 16- Nineteen-year-old Aadil Bedi put up a lion-hearted performance to earn his maiden title in a thriller at the Bengal Open Golf Championship 2020, played at the Tollygunge Club here yesterday.

Chandigarh-based Bedi triumphed in style with a chip-in birdie on the sixth playoff hole to end Pune golfer Udayan Mane's incredible three-match winning streak on the TATA Steel PGTI.

The tournament worth Rs.30 lakh witnessed the longest-running playoff on the PGTI. The previous record for the longest playoff was four holes which was set three times. The last event decided on the fourth playoff was the Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational 2019 where Ajeetesh Sandhu prevailed over Rashid Khan.

Aadil Bedi (65-65-67-69) and PGTI Order of Merit leader Udayan Mane (67-63-67-69), both joint leaders going into the final round, shot scores of 69 in round four on Sunday to be tied at the top after the regulation 72 holes with matching totals of 14-under-266.

Udayan Mane's runner-up prize worth Rs. 3,34,950, helped him extend his lead to over Rs. 8 lakh in the PGTI Order of Merit as his total earnings for the season moved to Rs.14,66,500. Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat is in second place in the money list.

Kolkata's Viraj Madappa, lying tied 11th and six off the lead after round three, posted the best score of the final day, a six-under-64, to finish the tourney in third place at 13-under-267. Viraj, playing at his home course, made an early charge with birdies on the second, third and fourth and a 12-feet eagle conversion on the seventh.

However, Madappa, who missed at least four putts within 10 feet on Sunday, slowed down on the back-nine making three birdies at the cost of two bogeys. Veteran Mukesh Kumar (70) of Mhow took fourth place at 12-under-268.

Fifth position was jointly shared between Bengalureans Rahil Gangjee (67) and Khalin Joshi (70) and Mhow-based Om Prakash Chouhan (69) at 11-under-269.

Mysuru lad I.L. Aalaap (JWGC) with a four-day aggregate score of 2-over-282 (74+65+76+67) secured the 45th place in the final ranking.

Coronavirus pandemic

No change in Olympics schedule, says Japan PM

Tokyo, Mar. 16- Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Saturday resisted pressure for changes to the Tokyo Olympics schedule even as sporting events worldwide fall victim to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Abe pledged Japan would host the Games as planned in July and said he had no immediate intention to declare a state of emergency over the virus outbreak, which has now seen more than 140,000 people infected across the globe and over 5,400 killed.

His comments come two days after US President Donald Trump suggested the Japanese capital postpone the Games for a year as the spread of the virus wreaks havoc on the sporting calendar.

"We want to hold the Olympics as planned without any trouble by overcoming the spread of infections," he said.

Organisers, Japanese government officials and the IOC have insisted preparations are on track and there will be no postponement or cancellation.

Cricket Talk

By V.N. Prasad

If only 'Wishes were Horses'

Women's cricket across the globe is gaining popularity steadily, as the young girls are exhibiting competitive edge across all the formats. The recently concluded World T20 Championship 'Down Under' indeed hogged the lime-light throughout the tourney.

I was waiting for the 8th of March to put the frill on to the parchment for several good reasons. It was the 'World Women's Day' and our young girls were to play their first ever Women's T20 World Cup against the OZs; at the MCG, one of the greatest cricketing venues in the world.

While the OZ girls were sitting pretty, oozing with confidence and comfort of 'Four Crowns' of the Championship under their belt, our girls had done tremendously well to reach the Semis. Unfortunately for the English, the Rain Gods snatched away a chance to beat the formidable Indian girls in the Semis and to meet the OZs at the MCG.

Luck was with our young girls. In the 'Hind - Sight' though, we would have preferred our girls to win the Semis against the English — that perhaps would have given them the much needed confidence to meet the OZs in the finals. But, that was not to be. If only 'Wishes were Horses.'

As the teams assembled on the 8th to recite the National Anthem, I glanced at the physique of all the players. Their physique generally was much tough in comparison to our girls. I prayed that our techniques outsmarted the OZs — sadly that was not to be. I would be a hypocrite if I said anything other than the truth that our girls looked clueless in every department of the game. Bowling was pretty ordinary. Fielding left much to be desired and batsmen played like novices. Just imagine, all the ten wickets falling to catches; nine of them virtually spooned into the palms of OZ fielders; eight of them in 25-30 yards; pathetically weak looking strokes. It was a sad sight.

OZs made a mince-meat of our bowling. At one stage, we expected them to score over 200; but they managed 184. Our girls getting bundled out for 99 left the country disappointed. Yes, we wanted the trophy. But at least a good contest would have satisfied cricket lovers.

Hearty congratulations to the OZ women on their 'Fifth T20 World Cup' victory.

Looking back to the performance of our boys on the land of KIWIs; they looked very ordinary at the International level. It was difficult to accept literal 'Brown Wash' in the ODI and the Test Series. Intriguing questions are,

1. Is the combo of Shastri and Kholi weaning off?

2. Should Kholi relinquish captaincy and concentrate on his batting?

3. Was it not only a fundamental but also a 'Grave' mistake sending back K.L. Rahul — especially when Rohit had to return with a medical issue? KLR had regained his classy touch in the shorter formats and would have proved a pricey opener in Tests.

One imagined that the T20 series victory would set good trend for the ODIs and Tests, the ICC ranked 'Numero Uno' side were crushed to humiliating defeats. Kiwis were better 'Player to Player' — in every department of the game.

Prithvi Shaw looks impetuous and lacks maturity for an opener at International levels. Mayank Agarwal was all at sea against swinging deliveries. Both were inconsistent; which left 3, 4 and 5 hard to consolidate. Pujara was very tentative and unimpressive. Kohli was dismissed to very poor storkes — very much unlike the world has known him to be. Rahane too lacked confidence in approach. Our bowlers sprayed the new ball all over and lacked cricketing brains. Indeed a very poor show.

The KIWIs need to be congratulated on their victories in ODIs and Tests. Barring a few good knocks, their batting was not on any high. But their bowlers got the wind out of our hapless batsmen. Tim Southee excelled with his 'Jimmy Anderson' like mild out-swings. Trent Boult bowled beautifully; swinging balls both ways — very tactfully. The in-swinger that rattled Umesh Yadav's stumps was the best of the season. The 'Six foot Eight' Kyle Jamieson made a remarkable debut and scared the skeletons out of our batsmen with his raising deliveries. Supporting seamer, Colin De Grandhomme bowled effectively. Spinners added fuel to the fire. In comparison, Bumrah, Ishanth, Shammi and Umesh were left wanting for fundamentals.

Well, our boys need to get to the drawing board and make good the lapses in the future series. Thanks to the epidemic 'CORONA,' we may not see much of cricket for some time. Meantime, I had an occasion to read 'The Eyes of Darkness - Wikipedia' *(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Eyes_of_Darkness)* and was aghast at the cruel ways the world thinks of humanity; particularly Page No. 353; that predicted situation on ground today "Wuhan 400 - a perfect weapon for destruction of humanity" was intriguing.

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Plea to prune tree branches hanging dangerously on Maruti Temple Road

A branch of a tree on Maruti Temple Road, near Youth Hostel in Gangothri Layout, is hanging low following a goods vehicle hitting it recently. This tree branch is hanging low and is posing danger to motorists endangering the lives of the passersby, especially the two-wheeler riders. Authorities concerned are urged to prune the branch at the earliest before any fatal accidents take place.

A bus shelter for cows near new Maharani's Hostel !

Though this cow is taking shelter from scorching sun, it looks like the bus shelter near the new Maharani's Hostel in Narayanaswamy Block in MCC Ward No. 32 is made for the cows. Cow owners let loose their cattle after milking them, to fend for themselves and the cows unable to bear the heat take shelter in whatever available places such as bus shelters. While the cows take shelter in the bus shelter, bus commuters stand outside the shelters to catch buses. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to control stray cattle on roads for the benefit of the public.

Uncleared garbage, burning of wastes, a nuisance at BEML Layout

Uncleared garbage, burning of wastes, dogs attacking morning and evening walkers have become a regular issue at BEML Layout in Rajarajeshwarinagar causing a lot of problems to the residents as well as the public. Residents say that though the garbage is being cleared (not regularly) people have made this spot as their garbage dumping yard. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Skill and Simulation Centre opens at JSS Hospital

Medical Council of India (MCI) General Secretary Dr. Rakesh Kumar Vats (second from left) inaugurated the 'Skill and Simulation Centre' set up by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) at the JSS Old Hospital building on M.G. Road in city on Saturday. Skill and Simulation Centre Co-ordinator Dr. S. Archana is seen explaining the guests about the Centre as JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagoudappa, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamji, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (MTY&DM)- Medical Council of India (MCI) General Secretary Dr. Rakesh Kumar Vats on Saturday inaugurated the 'Skill and Simulation Centre' set up by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) at the JSS Old Hospital building on M.G. Road here.

The Centre is aimed at providing the best practical experience and effective learning methods to medical students.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vats said that the Centre will provide hands-on experience to medical students on the life-saving measures that have to be taken when a person collapses due to a heart attack.

Noting that the Centre is also very helpful for Para-medical students, he said that the Centre provides an opportunity for Doctors to hone their skills using the most advanced equipment.

Stating that the JSS Medical College and Hospital is equipped with latest equipment, he lauded the Institution for imparting quality medical education coupled with hands-on experience which is very vital in medical education.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said that the Skill and Simulation Centre has been set up as part of JSS Medical College following a direction from the MCI. The Centre is open to students from other medical colleges as well, he added.

Centre Co-ordinator Dr. S. Archana said that the MCI has made it mandatory for all Medical Colleges to have such a Centre. The Centre set up at the old JSS Hospital building will match international standards, she said and added that this Centre is very vital for medical students to gain practical knowledge.

Highlighting the specialities of the Centre, she said that the equipment are so advanced that they can detect any faults in the diagnosis of any disease.

Pointing out that the Centre is free for JSS Medical College students, she said that, however, a fee will be charged for students of other Colleges and medical professionals from outside. The Centre currently has ten trainers, she added.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagoudappa, JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh, Registrar Dr. B. Manjunath and others were present during the programme.

All Suttur Mutt events postponed for a week

Referring to the Coronavirus scare, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said that it was important to follow the directions of the Government and the Health Department at this critical juncture when the deadly COVID-19 disease is spreading globally.

Recalling that a huge number of people died due to Cholera outbreak over a century ago, he opined that the Coronavirus too is spreading fast across the world, following which the Government has announced certain measures, which we have to follow.

Accordingly, the Suttur Mutt has postponed all its programmes for a week, he pointed out.

Book on Scientific Pranayama released

Former Chairman of Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Pradhikara Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta (4th from left) releasing the book 'Vygnanika Pranayama,' authored by Psychologist Devaki Madhav, at a programme organised at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RKB&DM)- Stating that Yoga is an ancient art and Pranayama is a very important part of it, former Chairman of Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Pradhikara Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta said that Pranayama is the one that gives an 'Aayama' (support) to 'Praana' (Breath).

He was speaking after releasing 'Vygnanika Pranayama' (Scientific Pranayama) written by Psychologist Devaki Madhav at a programme organised at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.

Pointing out that the author of the book has highlighted eight factors that underlines the importance of Scientific Pranayama, Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta said that this Yoga form is very much helpful in beating stress and maintaining good physical and mental health.

Noting that Pranayama assumes special significance at a time when COVID-19 is creating havoc across the globe, he said that Yoga also helps in developing immunity to diseases and as such everyone should practice Yoga for a better health. Pointing out that Pranayama is complimentary to Indian medicine, Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta said that the yoga exercise also finds mention in the epic 'Bhagavad Gita.'

Upanishat Yoga Centre Trust Founder Sudhesh Chandra said, this was the first work in Kannada on Scientific Pranayama.

Noting that the work must also be translated to English, he said that it is better to learn Pranayama from Yoga Gurus, rather than practising it forcefully.

Yoga University of the Americas Vice-Chancellor Yogi Devaraj said that the book will be made available at the next 'AKKA' Conference in order to reach out to scores of Kannadigas settled in America.

Freedom Fighter G.L.N. Ayya, GSS Yogic Research Foundation Founder Srihari, Journalist C.J. Rajiv, Plastic Surgeon Dr. Narayan Hegde, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao and author Devaki Madhav were present.

Ponnampet Taluk to be launched in April

Gonikoppa, Mar. 16- A year after the previous JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government, headed by H.D. Kumaraswamy, announced the formation of 12 new taluks in the State, including Ponnampet and Kushalnagar in Kodagu district, the Ponnampet Taluk Action Committee and the Citizens Committee have jointly decided to bring Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa for the official launch of Ponnampet taluk in April.

At a meeting held at Ponnampet's Kodava Samaja yesterday, Ponnampet Taluk Action Committee Working President Arun Machaiah said that there has been a delay in the launch of the taluk due to administrative procedures as there is a proposal to cover 21 Gram Panchayats in Ponnampet taluk.

However, it has been decided to consult the District Administration and fix a date in April for the inauguration of the new taluk by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Pointing out that the inauguration programme would cost about Rs.4 lakh, he said that the construction of the new building and purchase of furniture should be taken up using Rs.25 lakh that the Government is going to release shortly. It is also decided that the new taluk should function from the Food and Civil Supplies Department building, he added.

The Action Committee Convenor Machimada M. Ravindra said that talks have been already held with the Deputy Commissioner regarding the inauguration programme.

Action Committee Member Padmini Ponnappa highlighted the role of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda in the announcement of Ponnampet taluk and appealed for felicitating the two leaders during the inauguration programme.

The meeting also condoled the death of Citizens Committee Secretary M.A. Appaya, who passed away recently.

Citizens Committee President Poonachha, Vice-President Cheppudira Somaiah, Action Committee Advisor Matranda Appachhu, Ponnampet Kodava Samaja Cultural Committee President C.K. Ponnappa and others attended the meeting.

MLA launches various development works in Chamaraja Constituency

Inaugurates RO drinking water unit at Lakshmikanthanagar

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RKB&KS)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra launched various development works worth Rs. 1.70 crore (MLA fund) by performing 'guddali puja' near Panduranga Temple in Mandi Mohalla this morning.

The works being taken up are; Ashoka Road development works at a cost of Rs. 75 lakh, re-asphalting of Geetha Mandir Road costing Rs. 20 lakh, re-asphalting Kabir Road between Mandi Police Station and Ashoka Road at a cost of Rs. 20 lakh, development of Sriharsha Road at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh and development of the road from J.K. Grounds Signal Light up to MCC Zone 6 Office on Seshadri Iyer Road at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh.

Corporators Ramesh, M. Satish and Shivakumar, MCC Executive Engineer Nagaraj, Development Officer H. Nagaraj and others were present

RO Drinking water unit inaugurated

MLA Nagendra also inaugurated the RO Drinking Water Unit on Golden Bakery Road in Lakshmikanthanagar this morning.

The RO Unit was installed at a cost of Rs. 12.30 lakh from the 14th Finance Commission Grant.

Mayor Tasneem, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Junior Engineers Chandrashekar, K. Mohan and others were present.

Yesterday, MLA Nagendra launched various development works taken up at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh at Ward No. 25 in Tilaknagar.

The works taken up are roofing of auto stand on Pulikeshi Road at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh and construction of footpath on the 2nd Main Road in Tilaknagar at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh from SFC grant.

The MLA has instructed the contractor to maintain quality in the works. Ward 25 Corporator Rangaswamy, MCC Zone-6 Assistant Commissioner and Development Officer Nagaraj, MCC Engineer Chandrashekar and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hobgoblin

Pronunciation: hob-gob-lin

Meaning: Something causing superstitious fear; a bogy.
Origin: Hobgoblin is a compound of the nouns 'hob and goblin. Hob (also Hobbe), a pet form or nickname of Robin or Robert, was used as early as the 15th century as a shortened form of Robin Goodfellow, a.k.a. Puck (as in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream) and a.k.a. Hobgoblin (that is, the common noun used as a personal name). Goblin comes from Middle English gobelin goblin, gobolin "a devil, incubus, fairy," from Middle French gobellin. Further etymology is uncertain and speculative: The French forms may come from Medieval Latin gobelīnus, from an unrecorded Late Latin gobalus, cabalus "domestic sprite," from Greek kóbalos "malicious knave, mischievous genie." The Latin suffix –īnus and French suffix –in complete the word. Hobgoblin entered English in the first half of the 16th century.
Example: A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines.

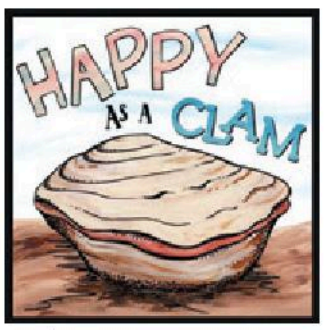
THE ODD WORD

Hagiography

Writing of the lives of saints.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As happy as a clam



Meaning: Very happy and content.
Origin & Example: It has been suggested that open clams give the appearance of smiling. The derivation is more likely to come from the fuller version of the phrase, now rarely heard - 'as happy as a clam at high water'. Hide tide is when clams are free from the attentions of predators; surely the happiest of times in the bivalve mollusc world. The phrase originated in the North-Eastern States of the USA in the early 19th century. The earliest citation is from a frontier memoir of 1833:
"It never occurred to him to be discontented... He was as happy as a clam."

QUOTE BOX

Half of the world's misery comes from ignorance. The other half comes from intelligence.—**Baslo**

RIDDLE THIS

I am commonly abbreviated to H. What am I?

Answer: Hydrogen.

SUDOKU

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			1	5		8		

Answer to previous puzzle

9	3	1	8	5	7	4	2	6
8	7	4	3	6	2	9	1	5
2	6	5	4	9	1	7	3	8
7	2	3	6	8	9	1	5	4
6	1	9	5	7	4	2	8	3
5	4	8	2	1	3	6	9	7
3	9	7	1	4	5	8	6	2
4	8	2	9	3	6	5	7	1
1	5	6	7	2	8	3	4	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Leave ___ : leave unfinished?
6 More ungainly to look at
10 A wading bird
11 Maiden-name
12 Pragmatic or down-to-earth
14 Vim or vigour
16 Relieves pain
17 Up to now
19 Asian country - "rain" anagram?
21 Yonder, in short
22 On ___ : offered for purchase?
23 Concurs or complies with
25 Foxtrot, cha cha cha, et al.
27 Donkey, jackass or burrow
28 Sturdy tree
29 Riff-raff
32 Causes to become thin at one end
35 Causes reverence
36 Cheer
38 Stride
39 Satellite Landing Sys.
40 ___ _ chance : dare ? (4,1)
42 This is an affirmative answer
43 Magic
45 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
46 ____ Hari : famous spy?
47 Pulled hard - the American way?
48 Consumed cigarettes

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	L	U	G		S	T	M		D	R	A	B
R	A	N	A		I	R	A		N	O	R	A
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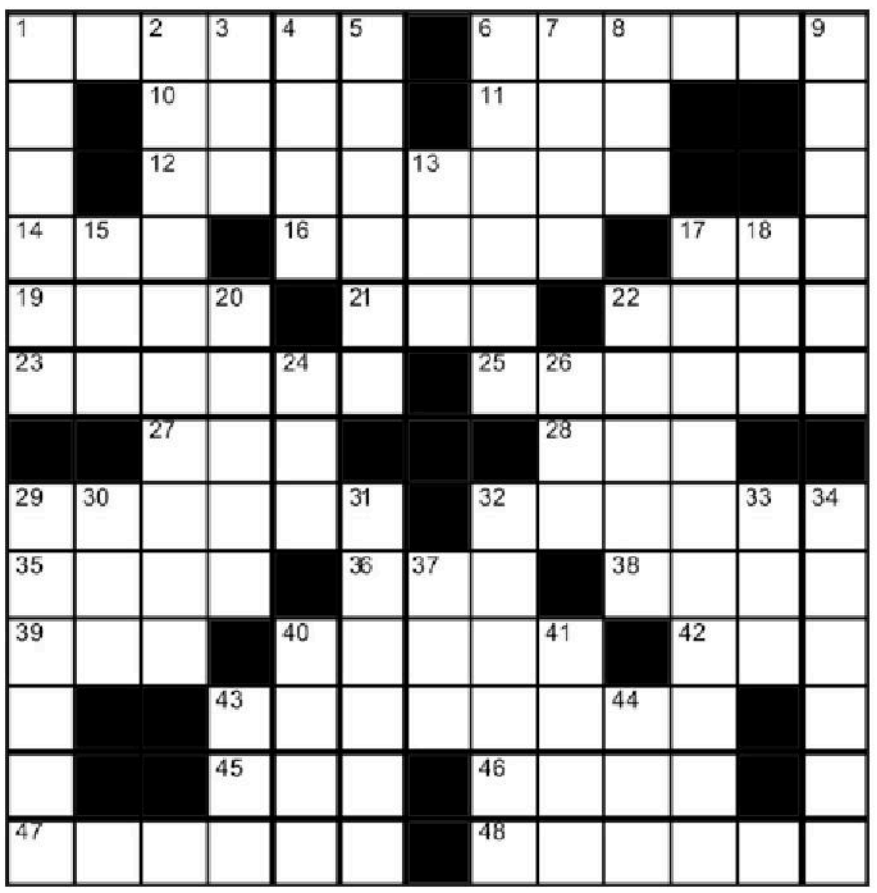
L	O	R	E		H	P	A		A	G	U	E

DOWN

1 Imaginary place
2 Belittles, deprecates or frowns upon
3 Queen's birthday list honour, in short
4 Cat's lives
5 Tries or attempts
6 Become more flexible or less austere; straighten?
7 Hardens or sets
8 Martial arts great Bruce ___
9 Ways, courses, journeys
13 Prefix meaning equal
15 Unit of energy
17 Empty conversation (7-3)
18 Estimated life expectancy
20 Bird homes
22 Photographs
24 Eur. Space Agcy
26 Angle-of-attack
29 In a reckless and foolhardy manner?
30 Cobbler's tool
31 Fed on grass
32 Units of heat
33 Female ruff
34 Reserved or saved
37 Alias, in short
40 Ceramic slab
41 Eve's hubby
43 Chinese frying pan
44 Road Transp. Off.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QFFI UR PNPJGRTDZO UX RTFSOT GFS MPJP

XPPDZO DR AFJ RTP ADJXR FJ QUXR RDBP.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Minds, like bodies, will often fall into a pimpled, ill-conditioned state from mere excess of comfort.

Kukkarahalli Lake to be shut from tomorrow

Manasagangothri campus closed for public

Mysuru, Mar.16 (MTY&DM)- Even as the popular Karanji Lake Nature Park and Lingambudhi Lake on the outskirts of the city have been shut for a week for visitors and joggers in view of the Coronavirus scare, it is now the turn of another popular Lake of the city — Kukkarahalli Lake.

Kukkarahalli Lake, which comes under the jurisdiction of University of Mysore (UoM), will be closed for public from tomorrow (Mar.17) on account of COVID-19 scare.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the University took the decision of closing down Kukkarahalli Lake from tomorrow (Mar.17) after a meeting. However, all the joggers who arrive by chance at the Lake tomorrow morning will be allowed inside the Lake for sometime, before it is shut down completely for a week.

Also, the entry of public to Manasagangothri campus has been strictly banned from tomorrow, with the University having already declared a holiday for students due to COVID-19 scare, he said and added that the University will take a decision on the re-opening of Kukkarahalli Lake after a week depending upon the situation then.

The Karanji Lake Nature park has been closed till Mar.23, while Lingambudhi Lake is closed till Mar.22.

Meanwhile, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar told *SOM* this morning that Lingambudhi Lake in the outskirts of the city has been closed for public from today till Mar.22.

The Lake used to attract thousands of morning walkers and joggers every day. Now it has been shut as a safety and precautionary measure in view of Coronavirus and Bird Flue scare, he said and added that a decision on re-opening the Lake will be taken after a week depending upon the situation then.

D.K. Shivakumar visits Congress Bhavan at Bengaluru

Bengaluru, Mar. 16- Five days after he was named as the KPCC (Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee) President by the Congress High Command, senior party leader and former Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) visited the Congress Bhavan near Ananda Rao Circle in the heart of the State capital this morning, to the cheers of hundreds of his supporters.

Soon after entering the Congress Bhavan, Shivakumar, also a Congress MLA from Kanakapura, garlanded the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, before entering the Bhavan building, where he was warmly received by the three Working Presidents — Satish Jarkiholi, Eshwar Khandre and Saleem Ahmed. While Eshwar Khandre was appointed as the KPCC Working President over a year ago, Saleem Ahmed and Satish Jarkiholi were appointed recently when D.K. Shivakumar was announced the President.

Soon after his appointment as the KPCC President, Shivakumar, who is known as the 'Trouble Shooter' in Congress circles, has been visiting party stalwarts in the past couple of days, who included senior leader and former Union Minister Mallikarjun Kharge, CLP and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah and outgoing KPCC President Dinesh Gundurao.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Shivakumar will take over as the KPCC President in the first week of April, in the presence of thousands of party workers.

Melodies from a Medico

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SOM: Any particular celebrity-fan moment you remember or want to share? Favourite singer and song?

Preethi: My favourite singers are Shreya Ghoshal and Arijit Singh and my favourite songs are *'Ghar more Pardesiya'* from *'Kalank'* and *'Mere Dholna Sun'* from *'Bhool Bhulaiyya.'* My most memorable celebrity-fan moment was when I got to meet Devdutt Pattanaik at the 40th anniversary celebrations of *Star of Mysore* and get a book of his signed at the event. His take on Indian mythology leaves me in awe every time I read his book.

SOM: Do you intend to serve at rural areas? Why is it important?

Preethi: During our internship while pursuing MBBS degree, we had rural postings where we served at rural places from dawn to dusk. Direct interactions with the rural folk helped us understand their issues better and thus treat them better too. The facilities at the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) at these villages are actually very good while treating for basic complaints like cold, cough and fever. But those requiring surgeries and other complicated medical issues have to come to city hospitals for better care.

Preethi with Devdutt Pattanaik

SOM: Something about your College and the amount of hard work it takes to become a doctor?

Preethi: My College, JSS Medical College, has the best library. The infrastructure and laboratory facilities here are state-of-the-art and the Professors are very friendly and approachable. The classes are very structured and the standard of examination paper is very very tough.

SOM: All nine gold medallists are girls. A proud moment? Your take on women empowerment?

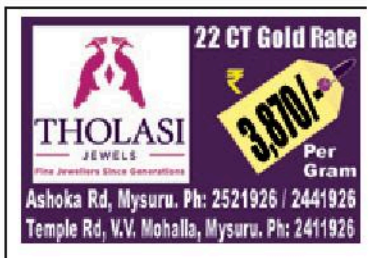
Preethi: In our country, there has always been an unspoken difference about man and woman. But now, the times are changing, slowly but effectively. All the nine gold medallists being girl students is an example of 'What Women Can Do' and how society cannot hold them back. Women today, are making their mark in all fields, right from being the perfect home-maker to scaling greater heights in their respective fields.

SOM: Are you into social media? If so is it a boon or bane?

Preethi: I am not much into social media, although social media has played a great role in bringing about change in perspectives amongst the people in general. Now, everyone has a medium to express his or her views on social issues and other relevant topics through these social media platforms. Nothing goes unnoticed in today's digital world.

SOM: Your future plans?

Preethi: Right now, after MBBS, I am taking a year's break to prepare for PG Entrance Exams. I still haven't chosen my subject of specialisation but am more inclined towards General Medicine than Surgery.



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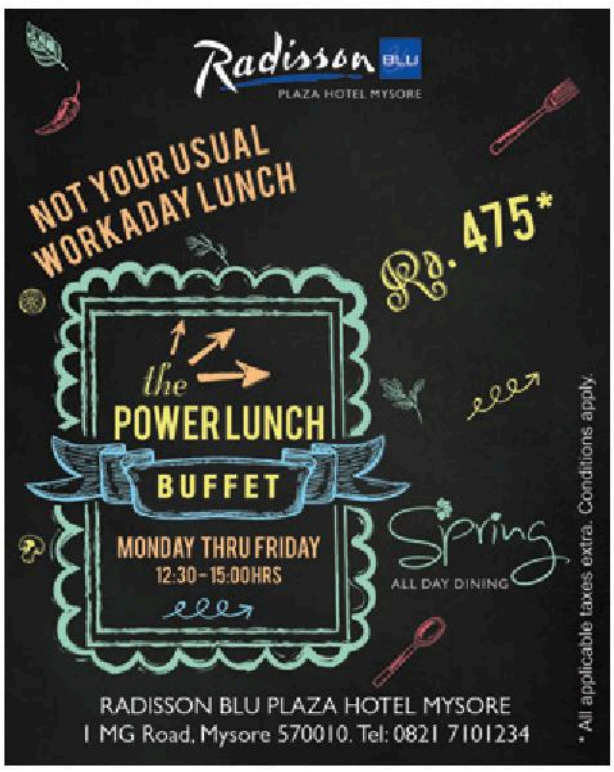

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